Development on non-hurting weapons

*594. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US Defence Department has developed a satellite dish type weapon which, when fired, causes burning sensation to human being without actually burning them;

(b) if so, whether our Government have any plans to develop similar weapons for using the same against terrorist and anti-social elements; and

(c) if so, by when this system of weapons would be developed and put in use?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) there are media reports about development of such a system.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Committee on Short Services Commission

*595. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision to constitute a High Level Committee to make Short Services Commission more attractive;

(b) if so, the composition of the said Committee; and

(c) by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) The Government had constituted a High Level Committee, to give recommendations for making Short Service Commission more attractive, in September, 1998.

(b) The composition of the Committee is as follows:

(i) Additional Secretary, Ministry of Defence — Chairman

(ii)	Director General, (Organisation & Personnel) Army Headquarters	—	Member
(iii)	Two Joint Secretaries, (Establishment) and (General) of Ministry of Defence	—	Members
(iv)	Additional Financial Adviser, Ministry of Defence	—	Member
(v)	Additional Director, General (Organisation) Army Headquarters	—	Member
(vi)	Director (AG), Ministry of Defence	—	Member Secretary

(c) The Committee has since submitted its report.

Super Highways in Madhya Pradesh

*596. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has announced a scheme for construction of Super Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the length of the proposed highways that would run through Madhya Pradesh;

(c) the progress made so far in implementing the scheme in the State; and

(d) by when it would be completed in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) Hon'ble Prime Minister has announced the National Highway Development Project (NHDP) which is for 4-laning of Golden Quadrilateral and North-South-East-West Corridors in a total length of 13252